

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
MARCH 24, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on March 24, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, and Bill Muche.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Conservation Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; and Terry Ochs, Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department.

**Others Present:** Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District; and Dick Emerson, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting as sent by mail; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Dick Emerson of the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association re-introduced himself to the committee, and indicated that he was attending the meeting to observe and learn.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** There were no agency advisor reports.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS:** There were no conservation plans to be approved and signed at this meeting.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE REGARDING CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION CONCERNS:** Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner, spoke to the Land Conservation Committee regarding concerns over the spray irrigation of liquid manure, and other manure management issues, on concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO's) in Wisconsin. Mr. Farnham expressed his concern that spray irrigating liquid manure poses a threat to human health and safety, as well as to the environment. Copies of a compilation of a variety of news releases, research reports, medical reports, example local ordinances, and other communications were shared with committee members and others in attendance.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE 2015 DATCP/DNR JOINT GRANT APPLICATION:** The committee reviewed the proposed 2015 DATCP/DNR Joint Grant Application. Motion by Miller to approve signing the 2015 DATCP/DNR Joint Grant Application as presented; seconded by Adelmeyer. Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE 2014 LAND & WATER COST SHARE USE STRATEGY:** The committee reviewed the proposed strategy for using 2014 allocated cost share funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Motion by Macheel to approve the proposed 2014 strategy for use of Land & Water Resource Management Program cost share funding as proposed; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**REVIEW DRAFT PLAN FOR ASSISTING POINT-SOURCE DISCHARGERS WITH PHOSPHORUS REDUCTIONS:** The committee reviewed a proposed plan for assisting point-source dischargers with obtaining phosphorus reductions required under new permits through "pollutant trading" agreements between nonpoint sources of pollution and point sources of pollution (see attached). This plan is considered a base from which to start, and may need to be adjusted as more information and options become available to counties and/or permitted point source dischargers.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Committee members Ed Nelson and Dale Macheel reported on breakout sessions attended and other activities at the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) Annual Conference in Appleton on March 10-12, 2014.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Copies of the minutes of the February 11, 2014 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to Land Conservation Committee members.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Kriewald to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

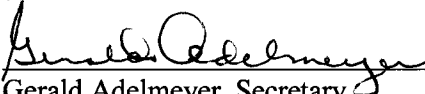
- Ed Nelson – WLWCA Annual Conference in Appleton on March 10-12, 2014 – per diem for March 10, 11 and 12, and one meal on March 10<sup>th</sup> for \$12.00
- Dale Macheel – WLWCA Annual Conference in Appleton on March 10-12, 2014 – per diem for March 10, 11 and 12, one meal on March 10<sup>th</sup> for \$12.00, parking for \$2.00, and 157 miles

Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Macheel to adjourn at 10:45 AM; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

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Ed Nelson, Chair

  
Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

Joe's Auto Service - Maintenance & Repairs to LCD Pick-up trucks	\$ 39.83
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel - Lodging for Three at WLWCA Annual Conference	\$ 420.00
Robert Bird -Expenses for January - March, 2014=	<u>\$ 305.43</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 765.26</b>

### (REVENUE)

29 - Small Packet Tree Orders =	\$ 1,888.15
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Wildlife Damage Control Program Expense Reimbursement =	<u>\$ 12,367.84</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 14,255.99</b>

**Dodge County Land Conservation Department's  
Plan for Assisting Point-Source Dischargers with Obtaining  
Non-Point Source Phosphorus Reductions**

1. Locate and contact prospective farmers/landowners regarding potential conservation practices that could be implemented on their farm. Inform farmers/landowners of potential financial incentives and other benefits that may be available to them if they would agree to implement a certain conservation practice(s). Based on interest shown by point-source dischargers in utilizing technical services of the Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD), the number of point-source dischargers provided with this assistance may need to be limited and prioritized based on when contact was first made with the county, and/or possibly other factors.
2. If a farmer/landowner agrees to implement a conservation practice(s), help determine potential number of pounds of phosphorus reduction that may be achieved by practice implementation (using Snap-Plus or other state approved modeling tool).
3. If farmer/landowner has agreed to implement a conservation practice(s) using state cost share funding available through the Dodge County LCD, then a cost-share agreement will be drafted between the farmer/landowner and Dodge County LCD. Once an agreement is in place, Dodge County LCD staff will assist the farmer/landowner with the planning, design, and construction inspection of the conservation practice(s) being installed. Dodge County LCD will annually report the phosphorus reductions related to specific practice implementation to the point-source discharger(s) that is eligible to claim those reductions as credits. Dodge County LCD will also monitor the on-going operations and maintenance of the cost-shared conservation practice as required under the cost-share agreement between the county and the farmer/landowner.
4. If farmer/landowner has agreed to implement a conservation practice(s) using incentive funding provided by a point-source discharger(s), the farmer/landowner will be referred to the applicable point-source discharger(s), or to their consultant, to negotiate a pollutant trading agreement. Once an agreement is in place, Dodge County LCD staff will assist the farmer/landowner with the planning, design, and construction inspection of the conservation practice being installed. Dodge County LCD will annually report the phosphorus reductions related to specific practice implementation to the point-source discharger(s) that are eligible to claim those reductions as credits. Dodge County LCD will also assist the farmer or landowner with any necessary conservation practice maintenance or repair work during the operations and maintenance period specified in the agreement between the point-source discharger(s) and the farmer/landowner. **Dodge County LCD will not assume any responsibility or liability for monitoring and/or assuring conservation compliance by the farmer/landowner under their agreement with the point-source discharger(s).**

## MARCH 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

### SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Met with Bill Foley from Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association to discuss past and future conservation practice implementation activities for the Beaver Dam Lake Watershed
- Stopped taking orders for small packs of trees on March 5th – sold over 20,000 trees for distribution in spring 2014 – will likely be another late distribution this spring
- Continued to assist many Farmland Preservation Program participants with various questions/issues regarding tax credit eligibility, conservation compliance requirements, etc. - signed nine certificates of compliance to enroll 1,668 new acres into the program thus far in 2014
- Attended WLWCA Annual Conference in Appleton March 10-12<sup>th</sup>
- Have dealt with four situations where concerns over the winter spreading of manure have been raised – one where manure was spread near Beaver Dam Lake; one where stained water was observed running off from fields spread with manure on the Fox Lake Prison Farm; a situation where several subdivision wells have been contaminated near Brownsville; and one where a single private well was contaminated in the Town of Trenton. LCD staff have been involved in contacting and assisting impacted homeowners, and/or assisting other county or state agency staff. LCD staff has provided, or will provide, appropriate follow-up with individual farmers involved in these situations, as needed.